

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Evaluation of Flagship Programmes
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is continuous evaluation of flagship programmes initiated by the Government and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) Whether there is an independent agency for the purpose and if so, the details thereof:
- (c) Whether the Government proposes outsource of evaluation work to private agencies, if so, the details thereof of along with the selection procedures and performance of such agencies: and
- (d) Whether the Government has made any efforts to initiate social audit of all the Government schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING
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- (a) The Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), an attached office under NITI Aayog, Government of India has been conducting evaluation studies of the Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes from time to time on the behest of the Implementing Ministries. These evaluation studies are diagnostic in nature and the findings of the studies are meant for mid-course correction of the programmes. During the year, 2014-15 the DMEO has finalized the evaluation reports like Border Area Development Programme (BADP), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Quick Study on Anganwadis under ICDS, Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). The reports are available in the NITI Aayog website.
- (b) The Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), an attached office under NITI Aayog, Government of India is an independent agency set up for evaluating Central Sector Schemes. The DMEO has its Headquarters at NITI Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi, having its 15 field units located in the capital cities of the country (i.e. Kolkata, Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati, Lucknow, Patna, Bhopal, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Shimla, Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangaluru, Ahmedabad, Mumbai).
- (c) The NITI Aayog and the Implementing Ministries of Government of India have also been conducting evaluation studies either by in-house or by outsourcing to reputed consultants / research institutes / NGOs. For outsourcing the evaluation studies, they have been following the guidelines given in the "Manual and procedures for engagement of Consultants" brought out by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure.
- (d) The Government of India has standing instructions to all the Implementing Ministries for performing social audit of the Central Sector Schemes. Generally, the Panchayati Raj Institutions are involved in conducting the social audit of the scheme like MGNREGA and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) etc.